

2002 Indiana's Forest Legacy Parcel Evaluation – *Self Scoring*

-PLEASE CIRCLE POINTS SCORED-

A. Watershed Protection and Water Quality Values: (70 points maximum)

- 15 pts** * Parcel has over 1,000 feet of perennial waterway shoreline, **or**
10 pts * Parcel has 300'-1,000' perennial waterway shoreline, **or**
5 pts * Parcel is situated on a river or perennial stream, but less than 300' frontage or more than 1,000' on a major intermittent stream
- 5 pts** Parcel includes 100 year floodplain at least 100 feet wide
- 15 pts** Parcel is within a regional drinking water aquifer area or within 1 mile of a public water supply lake. **Or,**
10 pts Parcel drains into a public water supply lake.
- 10 pts** Parcel is adjacent to identified permanent watershed protection area or within a priority watershed.
- 15 pts** Parcel contains a wetland larger than 2 acres in size
- 10 pts** Parcel drains into a natural wetland larger than 2 acres within 1/2 mile

Your score _____

B. Public Recreational Values: (40 points maximum)

- 10 pts** Proposed parcel has access to a public water body, **or**
5 pts Adjoining parcel has water based recreation open to the public
- 5 pts** Proposed parcel has access to a public trail system, **or**
2 pts Adjoining parcel has trails open to the public
- 5 pts** Proposed parcel has other outdoor recreation opportunities open to the public, **or**
2 pts Adjoining parcel has other outdoor recreation open to the public
- 15 pts** Parcel adjoins public lands
- 5 pts** Parcel adjoins protected private lands or is within 1 mile of public lands

Your Score _____

C. Scenic Resource Values: (35 points maximum)

- 20 pts** Parcel has at least 1,000' frontage on a designated scenic route, **or**
15 pts Parcel has 1-1,000' frontage on a designated scenic route
- 15 pts** Parcel is part of an important, regionally known scenic view, **or**
10 pts Views of or from parcel are well known, locally important scenic views

Your Score _____

D. Cultural or Historical Values: (35 points maximum)

- 15 pts** Parcel contains an historic forestry site (e.g. grist/sawmill) in good to excellent condition, **or**
5 pts Condition of historic forestry site is fair to poor
- 20 pts** Site contains other documented historic sites in good to excellent condition, **or**
10 pts Site contains one other documented historic site in fair condition, **or**
10 pts No historic sites documented, but there is a high probability of significant sites being present

Your Score _____

E. Traditional Forest Values: (100 points maximum)

- 30 pts** Parcel grows great timber (>80% of area has site index >80' for Red Oak or 95' for Tulip Tree), **or**
15 pts Parcel grows fair/good timber (Average site index >70' for Red Oak or 85' for Tulip Tree)
- 20 pts** At least 85% of the parcel can be accessed by 4-wheel drive tractor or log skidder, **or**
10 pts 65-85% of the parcel is accessible by tractor
- 10 pts** Parcel has been actively and well managed by the current owner, **or**
5 pts Parcel has an existing forest stewardship plan, but has not been actively managed the past 10 years
- 5 pts** Parcel is enrolled in the Classified Forest or Wildlife Habitat Program
- 10 pts** Parcel is relatively free of invasive and exotic species
- 15 pts** Parcel is greater than 160 acres in size. Or, greater than 40 acres in sparsely forested areas (<10% forest)
- 10 pts** Parcel has established research plots or educational facilities

Your Score _____

F. Fish and Wildlife Habitat Values: (55 points maximum)

- 20 pts** Parcel is located in rural area (less than 3 houses within or businesses within 300 feet/mile of boundary), **or**
10 pts Parcel is located in semi-rural area (less than 6 houses or businesses within 300 feet/mile of boundary)
10 pts Parcel contains a mix of wildlife habitat types
15 pts Parcel is connected to at least 80 acres of other forest and riparian areas
10 pts Parcel contains at least 1 perennial water source for wildlife/80 acres, **or**
5 pts Parcel contains 1 perennial watering site/160 acres
or is within ¼ mile of a significant watering site.

Your Score _____

G. Endangered Species Values: (35 points maximum)

- 15 pts** Parcel supports at least 3 rare, threatened or endangered (RTE) species, **or**
10 pts 1-2 RTE species supported and documented on the parcel, **or**
5 pts No RTE species have been documented on the parcel, but habitat type is diminishing or has high likelihood of supporting RTE species in a sustainable manner
15 pts Parcel contains an Indiana Heritage Database site
5 pts Parcel is within 1 mile of an Indiana Heritage Database site

Your Score _____

H. Other Ecological Values: (30 points maximum)

- 10 pts** Parcel is part of a large contiguous forest block at least 500 acres in Northern Indiana, or 5,000 acres in southern Indiana, **or**
5 pts Parcel is part of 200 acre (north) or 1,000 acre (south) contiguous block of forest
5 pts Parcel contains more than 3 ecological communities, **or**
2 pts Parcel contains 2-3 ecological communities
5 pts Parcel includes ecological communities which are dwindling or uncommon in Indiana
10 pts Parcel contains old growth forest or forest undisturbed for at least 50 years

Your Score _____

I. Conversion Threats to Parcel: (60 points maximum)

- 10 pts** Public water or sewer systems are within 2 miles of the parcel, **or**
5 pts Public water or sewer systems currently exist at parcel
10 pts at least 50% of site suitable for development (e.g. soils, slope, can be divided into 3-5 acre lots)
10 pts Parcel has more than 5,000 feet of public road frontage, **or**
5 pts Public road frontage is 1,000-5,000 feet
10 pts Parcel is within 20 miles of a city of at least 20,000 people
10 pts Parcel is within 5 miles of a town of at least 5,000 people (different city than previous question)
10 pts Parcel is within 5 miles of interstate exchange
5 pts Parcel contains more than 3,000 bd ft/acre of commercial timber
5 pts Property has other unique characteristics to attract development (e.g. river, lake, high quality paved road)
5 pts Property is currently listed for sale

Your Score _____

J. Acquirability or Manageability of Parcel: (40 points maximum)

- 10 pts** There is written support to purchase this parcel from DNR, Land Trusts or other conservation groups
10 pts Owner has expressed willingness to sell the easement at least 25% below market value, **or**
10 pts There is written **financial** support from DNR, Land Trusts or other conservation groups
5 pts Parcel is absent of significant environmental hazards and in good ecological condition
5 pts Traditional forest uses are compatible with parcel's natural values
5 pts Current adjoining land uses are compatible with Forest Legacy Program
10 pts Owner is willing to protect adjoining open land from development by a conservation easement

Your Score _____

Other factors – check appropriate items

- _____ Owner is not reserving or withdrawing any buildings sites from the eligible ownership
_____ 100% of the easement area is forest
_____ There is written active support from the community for this legacy parcel
_____ Parcel adjoins another accepted or nominated forest legacy parcel
_____ Parcel compliments other federal investments or initiatives (e.g. wetland reserve area, watershed projects)
_____ At least 50% of the easement value is be donated or paid for by other sources
_____ Parcel conveys rights in addition to development and mineral rights (e.g. public access)

Your Total Score _____